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Scheduled and Backward Classes Hostels

* 2530 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that there are separate hostels for students of Scheduled Classes and Backward Classes ;

(*b*) what are the agencies running the hostels and which among them have been found by the Government to be managing them properly ; and

(*c*) the average monthly expenditure incurred on each boy by each agency?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Yes, Sir. There are only ten separate hostels in the State. All other hostels are for both Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes.

(*b*) Generally the agencies running the hostels are—

(i) Tamil Nad Harijan Sevak Sangh;

(ii) Missions, such as Ramakrishna Mission, Christian Missions, etc. ;

(iii) Other private bodies;

(iv) Local Boards; and

(v) Government.

The hostels run by the Government are reported to be generally better managed than those run by other agencies. Some of the hostels run by the agencies other than the Government are also managed properly.

(*c*) The average monthly expenditure incurred on each boy by the agencies other than the Government varies from Rs. 9 to Rs. 26–9–0 per mensem. The Government are spending from Rs. 15 to Rs. 33 each per mensem on the boys in their hostels.

Panchayat Courts

* 2531 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) (i) whether elections to the Panchayat Courts in Peringanam and Koolimuttam amsoms in Ponnani taluk were held two years ago ;

(ii) whether they have not yet begun to function ; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) (i) Yes, Sir.

(ii) The Panchayat Court in Koolimuttam amsom began to function from 29th March 1955 and the Panchayat Court in Peringanam has begun to function from 30th July 1955.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : In view of the fact that elections to these panchayat courts were held only this year, may I know whether the Government will see that the term of these panchayat courts will be three years?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I would like the hon. Member to put a separate question on the subject.

Wynaad colonization scheme

* 2532 *Q.*—SRI K. T. SREEDHARAN (on behalf of Sri M. K. Padmaprabha Gounder) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of ex-I.N.A. personnel admitted as colonists under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme till the end of May 1955 ;

(*b*) the amount of free grant paid to each compared to other ex-servicemen of the colony ; and

(*c*) the reason for the disparity, if any?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The number of I.N.A. personnel admitted as colonists under the Wynaad Colonization Scheme so far is three.

(*b*) No free grant was paid to the ex-I.N.A. colonists. The amount of free grants paid to the ex-servicemen in the colony is Rs. 2,250 per head.

(*c*) The amount of free grant paid to the ex-servicemen colonists is sanctioned from the Post-war Services Reconstruction Fund. The three I.N.A. colonists who were recruited from civilians outside India are not eligible for the benefits of the Fund.

Taluk Headquarters Hospital, Kasargode

* 2533 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to provide for the needs of tuberculosis patients in the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Kasargode in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : No, Sir.

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : The incidence of T.B. is relatively great in Kasargode taluk. May I know whether the Government will consider the desirability of opening a ward for the use of tuberculosis patients in the Taluk Headquarters Hospital at Kasargode in South Kanara district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Provision has been made in the Second Five-Year Plan for providing ten additional beds to tuberculosis patients in this hospital.